

y was foundid of þe apostles on  
 crist þe soun, disposid in þe so-  
 ne & þe hooly gost to sþerke hē.  
 y me drede hem þe lasse / & al þe  
 trinite sþerwite it cit in þis mā-  
 hod: & cit to john by an angel.  
 & john to hooly churche. of which  
 reuelacioun john made þis book.  
 wherfore þis booke is leid apoca-  
 lyps: y is to seye reuelacioun for  
 her it is conteyned þat god sþe-  
 wite to john: & icoon to hooly chur-  
 che / how grete þis is hooly chur-  
 che suffre in þe firste tyme: &  
 now suffre & shal suffre in þe  
 laste tymes of auncit / while tri-  
 bulacioun shal be so greet: y if it  
 mouke be. þei y þer chosū. be mo-  
 uid / and which meedis the shal  
 relleyue for þes tribulaciouns.  
 now & tyme to come. y meedis  
 þat þei bihoote maken hē glad /  
 whom þe tribulaciouns þat ben  
 teild maky a ferd / þfore þis bo-  
 ok amōg oþere sþpturis of þe  
 newe testamēt. is depid bi þe  
 name of xpcie / & it is more ex-  
 cellent þan pfcie / for as þe ne-  
 we testamēt is worþier þā þe  
 olde: & þe gōspel þā þe lawe / so þis  
 pfcie passip þe pfofecies of þe  
 olde testamēt. for it sþerwip sa-  
 cramētis y þei now aparty ful-  
 fillid of cit & of hooly churche / or  
 ellis for to oþe is oon mān pfcie.  
 but to þis is þe mān pfcie  
 zoue to gidre / y is of þat y is  
 passid: & of þat y is present. &  
 of þat y is to come / & to cōfer-  
 me þe autorite of it. y comey  
 þe autorite of hi y sendip. & of  
 hi y berip: & of hi y relleyue /  
 þe þat sendip is þe fuyte. hē y

berip pe angel. he þæt reuleþ ƿe ƿorlð  
but ƿhane ƿes piȝis be aþerw  
to ioh̄n i ʒiſiōn: ⁊ þer ben ʒe k̄p  
dis of ʒiſiōis. it is to ſeen, vnder  
ʒhich kynde piȝ be conteynd for  
ʒū ʒiſiōn is bodily: as ʒhane be  
ſeen omy piȝ ʒy ʒodly þen  
ʒū is ſpʒitual oz iʒmaginac̄.  
as ʒhane be ſeen ſlepige oz ʒa  
fige. ʒe biholdē ʒe ymagis of pi  
ȝis bi ʒhiche ʒū oþr piȝ is fig  
yfyed, as ſarao ſlepige ʒy ʒe  
ris of ʒoʒn: ⁊ moyses ʒafige ʒy  
ʒe byrðth þene. Anop ʒiſiōn is  
of vnderſtondig. as ʒhane ʒy  
reuelaciō of ʒe hooly goſt: ʒy  
vnderſtondig of ʒouʒe. ʒe cōſe  
uen ʒe treuþe of myſteries, as  
ioh̄n ſauy ʒo piȝis: þæt þe ʒy  
ned in ʒis book for not only he  
ſayz in ſpʒit ʒe figuris: but alſo  
he vnderſtood in ʒouʒe. ʒe piȝis  
þæt ʒere ſugyfyed bi he. ioh̄n ſayz  
⁊ ʒroot in ʒe yle of pathmos.  
ʒhane he ʒas exild of domycian  
ʒe moost wicked þnce: ⁊ acauſe  
cōpellid bi to ʒe ʒe. for ʒhile he  
ʒas holdū in outlanke ʒe of domy  
cian in ʒe yle of pathmos: i ʒe  
churthis þæt he hadde goſmed ʒe  
ʒere ſpʒonge many vices ⁊ di  
uerſe eretikes. for þæt ʒere eīme  
eretikis ʒe ʒat ſeiden: þæt criſt  
ʒas not tofore marie. for as mo  
che as he ʒas in tyme boʒū of  
h̄r: ʒhiche eretikis ioh̄n in ʒe  
biȝynnyng of h̄r goſpel. vnder  
ʒyner ⁊ ſep. in ʒe biȝynnyng ʒas  
ʒe ſone: ⁊ in ʒis book ʒhane he  
ſep. i am alpha ⁊ oo. þæt is ʒe bi  
ȝynnyng ⁊ ʒe ende. eīme alſo ſei  
den þæt hooly churche ſhulde ende:  
tofore ʒe ende of ʒe ʒorlð for

charge of tribulaciōis & y<sup>e</sup> it shal  
de not vnderfonge for her tra  
ueyl: enlatinge meede / y<sup>e</sup> fore  
wyllyge to distrie pe errorres  
of peise: wherwey y<sup>e</sup> crist  
gynnyng & ende wherfore / shalpe  
bery tofore me was no god four  
med: & after me y<sup>e</sup> shal not be / &  
y<sup>e</sup> hooly churche ymz exercyse of  
tribulaciōis: whal not be endid /  
but shal p<sup>ro</sup>of t<sup>re</sup>n: & for he res  
seyue an enlatinge meede / John  
Writur to pe seuene churthis of alye:  
& to her seuene bishopis of pe foule  
p<sup>ri</sup>us enlomyng & techyge bi he al  
pe geual hooly churche / & so pe mat  
of iohn i<sup>y</sup>is werk is: specialy of pe  
churche of alye & allo of al hooly chur  
che what she shal souffre i<sup>y</sup>is p  
sent tyme & what she shal vnder  
fonge i<sup>y</sup> tyme to come & his entet  
is to stir to pacience: which is to be  
kept for pe trauel is thort: & ye  
meede greet / ye man of his trectyng  
is lich: first he sette bifore a p<sup>ro</sup>log  
& a saluaciōn: wher he mak<sup>et</sup> pe hee  
reris beynge: & tak<sup>et</sup> ge wel tent: &  
shane he hap lett it to fore: he comey  
to pe tellig / but to fore his tellig he  
shew<sup>et</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> cit is eue woute bygynyng  
& wipoute ende / & her l<sup>ig</sup>e hi y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>ro</sup>phet  
I am alpha & oo: bygynyng & ede / after  
ard he comey to hi<sup>y</sup> tellig: & depart  
it into seuene visyōis & whiche pei be  
edid: p<sup>ri</sup> book is edid he lett<sup>et</sup> to fore pe  
plog & seip: pe apocalyps of ihu cit vnder  
stode y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>ri</sup> is as it is i<sup>y</sup> of: pe visyōn  
of flaye: & allo pe pabbis of salomon //  
Icom i his plog on p<sup>ri</sup> apocalyps  
seip al p<sup>ri</sup> // C. p. //

tis: whiche pigis it bihoneye to be  
 maad loone: & signyfiede sendinge  
 bi his angel to his seruaunt iohn  
 which bar witnellig to pe word  
 of god: & witnellig of ihu crist in  
 pes pigis what ener pigis he say  
 shuld is he f redy & he f heerip  
 pe wordis of his pferie: & keppe  
 pigis f ben witten it for pe tyme  
 is us: iohn to seuen churthis f  
 ben in alie: grace & pees to you  
 of hi f is: & pat was: & f is to comy  
 ge: & of pe seuen spritis: f be  
 in pe list of his trone: & of ihu crist  
 f is a feyful witnelle: pe firste bi  
 getu of deed men: & pnce of kigis  
 of pe erpe/whiche louete us & wa  
 shide us froon hynes i his blood:  
 & made us a kigdom i prestis to  
 god & to his fadir: to hi be glorie  
 & empyre: unto wordis of worl  
 dis arie. ¶ To he comey wry donk  
 dis: & ech yre what se hi: & pei pat  
 puctide hi: & alle pe kymedis of  
 pe erpe: shule biweyle hem sile  
 on hi: zhe arie. ¶ I am alpha & oo.  
 pe bigynnyng & pe ende seip pe lord  
 god: f is & f was: & f is to comy  
 ge almyty. ¶ Iohn your bropur  
 & partener i tribulaciou & kigdo  
 & pacience i crist ihu: was in an yle  
 f is clepid pathmos: for pe word  
 of god: & for pe witnellig of ihu.  
 ¶ I was in spirit in pe lordis day &  
 herde bihynde me a greet vois  
 as of a tripe seynge to me. Write  
 pou in a book pat pig f pou seest.  
 & sende to pe seuen churthis f ben  
 in alie: to felus to Smyrna: to  
 Pergam: & to Thyra: & to Sardis:  
 & to Philadelphia: & to Laodicia: and  
 I turnete f: I shulde se pe vois f  
 spak wry me: & I thode & I say: